

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

June 2020



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin. This month's communication is technically the last of the 19/20 season, however as we all know, grassroots football was brought to a sudden halt in March due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

As the Country begins to take steps toward getting back to normal, we are preparing for the 20/21 campaign to begin – whenever that may be – as best we can.

THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON #NORFOLKFOOTBALL

Over the course of the past 3+ months, we have been updating an ongoing statement on our website, along with a selection of frequently asked questions.



STATEMENT

To view our latest statement please [click here](#).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

To read some helpful FAQ's please [click here](#).

LATEST GOVERNMENT ADVICE

For the latest advice relating to Covid-19 please visit nhs.uk/coronavirus

NORFOLK FA STAFF

We can confirm that most Norfolk County FA staff members currently remain furloughed through the Government's Job Retention Scheme.

Should you wish to contact somebody during the coming month please e-mail one of the below e-mail addresses and we will endeavour to help you.

- Info@NorfolkFA.com
- Support@NorfolkFA.com



CLUB AFFILIATION 2020/21

Norfolk County FA are delighted to announce that Club Affiliation for the 2020/21 season will be FREE OF CHARGE for all of our Clubs.

We recognise that Clubs at all levels are facing unprecedented challenges at the current time and so we are continuing to do all that we can to help. As part of that, both the Club Affiliation Fee and Team Supplement Fee will be free of charge for the coming season.

Furthermore, our insurance partner Sportsguard have also confirmed that all personal accident insurance fees will be reduced by 16.67%. Read more by [clicking here](#).



HAND SANTISING STATION OFFER

Norfolk County FA are delighted to announce that local company, Ezesaan Ltd, based in Attleborough, are offering clubs the opportunities to purchase bespoke club banded 'hands free' Sanitising Station units (see image below) and offering a 10% discount for all County FA Members.



The Norfolk manufactured units are a great way for the club sites to become more 'COVID-19' compliant and with the club preparation fund (see below) now launching then it becomes an ideal opportunity to make the most of £500 grants that are available? For more information see flyer attached visit www.ezesaan.co.uk, quoting coupon code CountyFA10.

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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS FOR SPORT & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

To show kindness to the 3 million coaches during the COVID-19 pandemic, in partnership with 1st4Sport, Sport England and UK Coaching, mental health charity Mind has made the Mental Health Awareness for Sport and Physical Activity training free until 31 August, a saving of £18 over the normal price.



One in four people in the UK will experience a mental health problem each year. Completing this course will give you the knowledge, skills and confidence to better understand and support people living with mental health problems and create a positive environment that ensures they enjoy the benefits of being active and keep coming back for more. [Click here](#) to complete the course.

LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

It is crucial to remember that mental health matters during this very difficult time. The FA's Heads Up campaign shows that mental health is just as important as physical health, and it only takes a second to #KickOffAConversation.



Find out more about The FA's Heads Up campaign [here](#).

CLUB SPONSORSHIP TOOLKIT

We have developed, for our grassroots clubs, a downloadable toolkit which provides information and guidance as to how to best obtain and retain sponsorship. The toolkit covers topics such as; the importance of sponsorship, finding a sponsor and the best ways to approach a potential sponsor. You can download the toolkit by [clicking here](#).

FOOTBALL FOUNDATION – CLUB PREPARATION FUND

A new Football Foundation fund opened yesterday to support clubs in getting their buildings and pavilions ready for the return of football.



The Club Preparation Fund will provide clubs with a fixed grant of £500, of which the monies can be used to prepare clubhouses, kitchens, bars, toilets and access ways to outdoor pitches. For further information please [click here](#) or email ian.Grange@NorfolkFA.com.

PLEASE NOTE: LEGIONELLA

Grassroots clubs who have their own facilities should consider switching on their hot and cold-water systems during this period, in order to reduce the risk of Legionella. A number of local authorities have put out guidance in relation to this, with the recommendation being at least once a week water systems should be turned on to maintain a degree of water flow and to minimise the chances of stagnation.

BEWARE: CLUB BREAK-INS

There are reports being received from sports Clubs around the Norfolk/Suffolk border of break-ins specifically targeting grounds machinery.

Please ensure that your Club's storage arrangements are as secure as possible and remain vigilant!

AND FINALLY

We will continue to do our best to offer support and guidance through this period, and though it's hopeful that the return of Grassroots Football is on the horizon, please continue to follow the latest Government advice until then.

Best wishes & stay safe,
Norfolk County FA